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Journalism Dep't. Here Equals U.S. "B" Schools

Lack of Big-Newspaper Practice Is Main Handicap Here, Stresses Mrs. Walter Williams

That the Department of Journalism in Yenching ranks with any of the Class "B" schools of journalism in America is the opinion of Mrs. Walter Williams, widow of the founder of the oldest journalism school in the world and now one of the staff of the department here. "And the main difference between your department and the Class "A" schools in America is that most schools there run regular city-size papers, giving students more practical training than you get here," she said to an interviewer of the *News* yesterday afternoon at House 53, Yen Nan Yuan, where she is now living.

Mrs. Williams thinks a superficial knowledge on all subjects is more essential to a journalist than a specialized knowledge of one subject alone. "Of course, there have been journalists who have been experts on one field, besides having a broad superficial knowledge, but they have gone into that one field as a sideline or avocation", she remarked. "The important thing, even about being superficial, is knowing where to hunt for more material on one topic when a deeper understanding of that subject is needed."

Having been in practical newspaperwork for eight years, Mrs. Williams knows whereof she speaks. She was graduated from the Missouri School of Journalism in 1913, one of the first women journalism graduates in the world. Feature-writing is her specialty, although she has done every kind of reportorial work and some editorial duties.

Mrs. Williams, with Dr. Williams, had long planned a trip to Peiping and Yenching, for the latter took a paternal interest in the department of journalism here. His death last year, however, cut short his hopes, and Mrs. Williams

has had to carry out those plans alone. "One of my many hobbies is traveling, and that is another reason for my trip so far out here", Mrs. Williams explained.

"I have traveled around the world once and have touched every continent in the world," she said. Everywhere she goes, she studies women, their place in society and in the economic world. Although having been here too short a period to form an opinion of Chinese women, Mrs. Williams, supposes that they have not taken the place that American women have in the business world. But after all, the chief place for women is in the home, and many American women have not married only because they cannot find suitable husbands, she said.

Her future plans are vague, but she would welcome a chance to remain in Yenching for another year after this June, if circumstances allow.

Mid-week Prayer Meeting Tuesday

A mid-week meeting for prayer is held every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. in Sage Chapel. All interested are welcome.

Men's Physique Examined; 400 Found Short-Sighted

Our of the total 511 men students, at least 400 are short-sighted, it is revealed from the result of the physical examination conducted by the University Medical Service at the beginning of the spring semester.

Most of the students have gained an average weight of 4 Kg., but 83 of them were found under weight. Those with weak lungs totalled 72; weak hearts, 11; trachoma, 80; first stage T.B., 13; and stomach troubles, 4.

University Holiday Yesterday

The national holiday commemorating the anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen was observed yesterday by the University. All class-work was suspended for the day.

Clergy Certificates Available

Clergy certificates have been received for use by faculty members travelling in America during this year. The Office of the President asks that those desiring them call at that office.

Coup Will Not Affect Japan's China Policy

Editor Thinks Economic Depression Caused Military Blow—Nippon Army Holds Real Power

Despite the recent military coup in Tokyo, Japan's foreign policy toward China will not undergo much change, opined Mr. Ch'en Po-sheng, part-time lecturer here and editor of the Peiping Morning Post, at Bashford on Tuesday morning. In years past, no matter who has headed the Cabinet, the Japanese militarists have always had their own way concerning movements in China.

The coup was the result of a ferment in the minds of junior officers coming from the farm districts and dissatisfied with present conditions in Japan. Against democracy and parliamentary government, they now clamor for state capitalism, said Mr. Ch'en.

Though the attempted coup did not achieve all that the junior officers had wished for, they retain their present state of mind, and it may be only a matter of time before another coup on a larger scale be attempted. It is not to say that the senior officers are opposed to their juniors in aim, but they advocate a less radical method in effecting their hopes.

The present Hirota cabinet, though nominally not established by the army, in reality has given way to army demands. Cabinet members have been appointed only with the consent of the army, the speaker ventured to say.

The two immediate objectives of the Army is to strengthen all national defenses and the solution of rural problems, the effecting of which can be accomplished only by taxing capitalists more heavily. As the position of capitalists is still secure, the final day of reckoning between capitalists and the army is not distant, the speaker went on to say.

Yenta Calendar

Today, Friday, March 13.

8:00 p.m. Victrola Concert

Gamble Hall

Sunday, March 15

8:00 a.m. Sheng Kung Hui Holy Communion

Sage

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Sage

10:30 a.m. University Service

Ninde

Preacher: Mr. T. C. Chao
Subject: "Conquering Evil."

3:00 p.m. Workmen's Service

Ninde

Speaker: Mr. C. H. Ho

6:30 p.m. English Vespers

Ninde

Preacher: Mr. Porter
Subject: "Like the Wind"

Tuesday, March 17

8:55 a.m. Ninde Chapel

8:55 a.m. Sage Chapel

11:20 a.m. Students' Assembly

Auditorium

Speaker: Prof. H. C. Wang
Subject: European Situation

8:00 p.m. Mid-week Meeting for Prayer

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The Annotator

It's been some time since I knocked off an installment of disconnected annotations. So here's for a miscellany. First a yarn send me by a friend taking exception to my pacifist principles concerning an elderly Quaker on a sailing vessel in the old days which had been attacked by pirates. He was seen and heard poking buccaneers in the midriff with a long pike and all the time murmuring gently, "Stay back, friend; thee art not welcome here."

What Character Has Most Strokes?

Having settled the question as to the total number of characters in Chinese, I receive a query as to the largest total of strokes found in any character. That ought to be easy to ascertain from an unabridged dictionary, but I'm told that certain tzu designed by Taoist for their particular purposes are amazingly complex.

A delegation of the Pourtors, Pryces, Shadducks and Gnasches et al (to quote the script of the Mei Tah Foo Loo) wish the suggestion made to the bus company that it would be a community convenience if the 5 o'clock bus could be scheduled for 4:45 for obvious reasons connected with the time of the second afternoon movie. Another suggestion which ought to prove lucrative to the company would be a 9 p.m. bus into the city on Sunday nights for the convenience of the increasing number of guests we shall be having with the coming of spring and summer weather. Our friends could then attend Vespers, if they so desired,

and still have time for dinner with their hosts before heading back into the confines of the city wall. Speaking of a certain script reminds me that one American Yenchinian on getting home was greeted with this question. "Who or what is this 'Pie' about whom you write so much?"

Like to Hear This Discussed

I've just finished reading "Gaudy Night", an unusually good mystery story laid in an Oxford women's college. One paragraph caught my interest because it expressed a point of view to which I have always inclined. We're looking for another topic like the library book-plate motto which will arouse an exchange of student and faculty opinion. I nominate the following:

"I sometimes think," said Dean Martin "That Miss Shaw would get more real confidence from her pupils if she wasn't always probing into their insides Be kind but leave 'em alone, is my motto. The shy ones shrink into their shells when they're poked, and the egotistical ones talk a lot of rubbish to attract attention. However, we all have our methods."

Strikes Me Always as Unnatural

I'm mystified by evidences of intimacy between persons with a score or more years difference in their ages. Certainly I am as incapable as most students seem to be of initiating confidences. I try to keep in a receptive mood and hope that such receptivity will communicate itself to anyone in conscious need of a confidant, but like the Shrewsbury dean, I refuse to probe. —V.N.

Seniors To Publish Annual

An annual publication will be published at the end of the academic year by the Class of 1936. A committee of five has been formed to direct such projects as the advertising columns, collecting of materials and photographs, and others.

Members of the committee are Misses Fang Chi, Pien Hsu-sun, and Tai Ke-fan, and Messrs. Yuan Kang-cheng, and Kao Hsiang-kao.

Lum Thru With Jaundice

Arthur Lum (Lin Hsiu-chuan) now holds the record for having the most recent case of jaundice. He was sick just before the semester examinations, and was in the German Hospital for a week. Lum is well known in Peiping as a tennis player. He was transferred from Tsing Hua University to Yenching last fall.

Breeces Give a Tea-Reception

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Breeca gave a tea-reception yesterday afternoon for Mrs. Guy Potter Benton and her daughter, Miss Pauline, of New York City. Mrs. Benton is a sister of the late Miss Emma Konantz.

Brotherhood Beats Jenao To It on Scheme for Chinese Play by All-Foreigners Cast

The Jenao members in Yen-ching have often toyed with the idea of a play in Chinese by foreigners as a lark; the Men's Brotherhood of Union Church has beat them to it. This will be one of the many features of the variety entertainment and "general get-together" of the members, their families and friends in the P.U.M.C. auditorium next Thursday night. Two former Yenchinians, Messrs. Biggerstaff and White, are members of the male quartet "fresh from the Gay Nineties." Several of the best numbers will be supplied by the Brotherhood Community Centre to whose support the proceeds will go. If enough persons are interested, a bus will be chartered for the trip. The program begins at 9 p.m. If interested in transportation, leave a note to that effect with the clerk on purchasing your tickets at the bookstore.

Tickets for

Variety Entertainment
Men's Brotherhood
P.U.M.C. Auditorium—March 19
Available at
Yenta University Bookstore

Hsieh T'ing-yu Accepts Position With Lingnan U.

Hsieh T'ing-yu (Tin Yuke Char), a Honolulu and a graduate of Yen-ching University, has accepted a position with Lingnan University, and will begin his duties there in the fall. Two conflicting reports concerning the position he expects to hold have been received here. One states he will act as registrar, the other mentions his becoming dean of men.

After leaving this country some years ago, Hsieh joined the Department of Chinese teaching staff at the University of Hawaii. In September, 1934, he entered Columbia University for graduate work, but returned to his old post at the University of Hawaii last fall.

Two positions in China have been offered him. Besides the place in Lingnan University, Dr. Mei Yipao invited Hsieh to teach at Oberlin in China, which the latter declined.

Lloyd A. Free, Former Instructor, Now Lawyer in Los Angeles

Lloyd A. Free, instructor of economics here several years ago, is now a member of a well-known law firm in Los Angeles, California, a letter from him states. After leaving Yen-ching, he took graduate work at George Washington and at Stanford, and was admitted to the bar two years ago. He still remembers his stay at Yen-ching as one of the most pleasant periods of his life. He was here as a Princeton-Yen-ching Fellow.

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